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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: CYPRUS - PAPADOPOULOS' STATEMENT ON GRIVAS

1. CONTRARY TO JUDGMENT MADE HERE AND ELSEWHERE (LONDON 9701) THAT UK DEMARCHE TO PAPADOPOULOS URGING DISASSOCIATION FROM GRIVAS WAS INEFFECTUAL AND OBVIOUSLY PREMATURE, IT NOW APPEARS THAT PAPADOPOULOS' AUGUST 24 STATEMENT DENOUNCING GRIVAS BY NAME, ACCUSING GENERAL OF UNDERMINING NATIONAL CENTER AND LOCAL TALKS, ACCUSING GRIVAS OF IGNORING
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"RECOMMENDATIONS" OF GOG, AND CALLING UPON HIM TO STOP

ARMED ACTION IMMEDIATELY MUST BE DEEMED AS DIPLOMATIC SUCCESS FOR UK, UN AND OTHERS (CANADA?) WHO URGED SUCH ACTION.

2. UNEQUIVOCAL ANTI-GRIVAS STATEMENT BY GOG, WHEN ADDED TO ELIMINATION OF BISHOPS, ARRESTS OF GENERAL'S DEPUTY AND SEVERAL OTHER SUPPORTERS, INCREASING PUBLIC DISSATISFACTION WITH GRIVATES' VIOLENT ACTIONS, AND GRIVAS' APPARENTLY CONTINUING ILLNESS, MAY ALL COMBINE TO SPELL THE END OF GRIVAS' FINAL TRY FOR ENOSIS. THE EVER-ACCURATE BAROMETER OF PEASANT OPINION IS ALSO INDICATIVE THAT GRIVAS IS ON THE RUN. FACT THAT VILLAGERS NOW TURNING IN KNOWN GRIVAS SUPPORTERS AND REVEALING ARMS CACHES IS GOOD SIGN THAT FENCE SITTERS HAVE DECIDED GRIVAS IS GOING TO LOSE. WHILE ADDING

THEUSUAL CAVEAT RE GRIVAS' CAPACITY FOR GOTTERDAMMERUNG ACT (ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT UPON MAKARIOS OR ATTACK UPON A TURK CYPRIOT VILLAGE), WE JUDGE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN TO NEUTRALIZE GRIVAS HAS GREAT MOMENTUM.

3. FOR LONDON: IN YOUR NEXT CONVERSATION WITH UK FONOFF OFFICIALS ON CYPRUS SITUATION, BELIEVE YOU SHOULD GIVE BRITISH FULL MARKS FOR HELPFUL RESULT OF THEIR INITIATIVE. OTHER EMBASSIES MAY TAKE SIMILAR LINE WITH UK COUNTERPARTS AS APPROPRIATE. WE WILL MAKE POINT TO OUR INTERLOCUTORS HERE.

4. FOR OTTAWA, ATHENS, NICOSIA: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT YOU CAN THROW ON CANADIAN INITIATIVES RE CYPRUS SITUATION REPORTED IN ANKARA 6555. RU

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